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I went to see Signor Pella this morning at the Ministry of Finance and was, as usual, impressed by his directness and good sense. He hopes the EDC can be ratified by both Houses of the Italian Parliament before the end of the year, but says [redacted] the debates on the budget must precede its consideration and they will consume most of September and October. Pella is being spoken of as Foreign Minister in case de Gasperi accepts the Premiership but decides not to be Foreign Minister as well. Magistrati was present at our conversation.

Tish Baldridge, Audrey, E. and I had lunch at the Casino Valadier in the Pincio gardens. What a superb view! Tish is in wonderful form, overflowing with life and happy working for Clare as secretary, housekeeper and general manager. Audrey, still feeling miserable, eats almost nothing.

Tonight the Magistratis had a dinner for us at the Circolo della Caccia. The weather has been [redacted] hot, most men in shirt sleeves, almost always hatless (which is true of the women as well) and even in hotels and restaurants many men wear no neckties and dress as if they were at a beach resort. I bought 63 meters of white Italian silk today, which should suffice for 18 shirts to be made in [redacted] Paris.

At the Club dinner tonight the men were in white or dark blue smoking jackets and the women elegantly dressed. Clare was [redacted] lovely and ethereal looking. I sat between Countess Magistrati and Countess di Atolico, both [redacted] agreeable women, the former German by birth, the latter Italian.

The Club has its quarters in the vast Palazzo Borghese, where Pauline Bonaparte Borghese lived for a time. The rooms are stupendous in magnitude but admirably proportioned. We were shown the chamber where Pauline sat nude for the famous marble by Canova. One of her friends asked her how she could

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be willing to pose like that. "Oh," she answered, "it is not a bit too cold." Clare took us home in her car and we talked further about the representation of Italy and other European countries at international conferences.

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